

THAT OLD TIME HOUSE

MORE LIGHT ON HISTORY OF OLD LANDMARK

Mr. Keltner Tells of Early Days
The History of Jasper

Frank Keltner the prominent farmer living northeast of town called at the News office last Saturday and gave us the history of the house on North Main street the tearing down of which was mentioned in last week's paper. Mr. Keltner is one of the oldest settlers now living in this locality and will have lived here 49 years the 12th of next May. He says the old house was built by a man named Richcreek. The land was owned by "Uncle Billie" Bowers who now lives at Kendricktown. Mr. Richcreek traded a team of sorrell mares for a forty acre tract in 1863 and built the house on the land, being the one which has just been torn down.

"Mr. Richcreek," says Mr. Keltner, "was quite a hot headed old man and because of this he was responsible for several of the nicknames which Jasper was known by in her early days. The old man at one time had a rough and tumble fight with one of his neighbors over some sod corn and Jasper was known as 'sod corn' for a long while. Afterwards Richcreek had another scrap over some pigs and Jasper went by the name of 'Pigtown'."

"Those were lively times in this locality," says Mr. Keltner "and hardly a year passed without several law suits between neighbors. How the times have changed, now we seldom hear of neighbors going to law against one another."

MADE SOME SAMPLES

The New Cement Block Plant About Ready

Mr. Steros, of Kansas City, was in the city last week explaining to Mr. Schott the process of making cement blocks. Mr. Steros is agent for the machinery for making the blocks. He assisted Mr. Schott in making a sample of each pattern of the blocks which are now on exhibition at the building on South Main street where the plant is located. They have attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Schott has a large number of photographs of buildings, fences, etc., built of the blocks which gives a good idea of the numerous ways that they can be used.

A Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Starrett had a family reunion at their home in the southwest part of town last Sunday at which they had all of their children but one. The children present were: W. J. Starrett, of Kansas City, Miles Starrett, of Carterville, Mrs. Ernest Potter, of the Mt. Moriah neighborhood, Roy Davis of Albion, J. W. Starrett, and Misses Maude and Edith of this city. Mrs. Sappington, a daughter living at Carthage was unable to come, most of the children brought their families and it proved to be quite a large and happy crowd. It is needless to say that the day was a joyous one to all.

Will Go On a Farm.

Jake McCaslin expects to move on his farm near Yates Center, Kans., about March 1, where he will give his boys a chance to spread themselves. Mr. McCaslin is a good substantial citizen and Jasper will regret to lose him, but as he is still interested in Jasper we hope to see him back sometime. He has rented his place on Maiden Lane to I. Y. Byers a well known farmer living west of town who will move into town.

Two Public Sales

G. W. Rhoads who recently sold his farm north of town will have a public sale March 2 at which he will sell 9 head of horses, 4 head cattle 11 head of hogs and lots of other things.

A. J. Gray will hold a public sale at his home northeast of town next Tuesday Feb. 27. Mr. Gray has decided to quit farm and is thinking some of moving to Jasper.

SEED POTATOES

Our Seed Potatoes have just come and prices are better than for years. Come and get what you need.
J. D. Harbur.

IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS.

Well Known Young Couple Have Friends Guessing.

A well known young couple living a few miles northwest of town had their friends guessing this week. They dressed in their best Monday morning and drove to the county seat returning about three o'clock in the afternoon. When cornered by friends the young man passed around the cigars. Everything looked suspicious and we scanned the Carthage papers for marriage licenses. Some of their close friends were inclined to believe that a wedding had sure enough taken place, but the young lady's father and the young man's mother being interviewed by a News reporter declare that the marriage did not take place. With a twinkle in his eye the lady's father remarked that it is liable to happen some time in the future but the important event had not yet come off.

What One Woman Did

The average farmer's wife probably does not keep an account of the amount received from what is conceded to be woman's part of running the farm—the poultry department. But if they would keep account of a year's returns in this line, they would no doubt be surprised at the total. This is well illustrated by one farm woman, Mrs. S. R. Mitchell, living northwest of town, who figures out that her poultry department has brought her in \$124 the past year as follows: Turkeys \$67.00; Chickens \$32.00; Geese \$25.00. This is just for poultry alone and does not include eggs.

THE CONTRACT IS LET.

FOR THE NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Wm Heffner Has Taken The Contract And It Will Be Built Of Cement Blocks.

The contract for the new postoffice building has been let to Wm Heffner who is an experienced man in the building business. The work of tearing out the old building will be completed in a day or so and the work on the new structure will be begun at once and pushed to completion as soon as possible. The building will be built of cement blocks to be made by Mr. Schott who has just put in a plant for making the blocks in this city. Mr. Schott will begin the making of the blocks Monday. The front of the new building will be of cement blocks patterned after the rough stone face.

Hi Hendricks who owns the building just west of the postoffice site is considering the proposition of joining with Mr. Fairfield and put up a double building on the two lots, but he had not decided definitely at last reports.

Notice.

As I have quit business I desire to thank my friends and customers for their patronage and desire all who know themselves indebted to me to settle the same at once.

H. J. DWARDORFF.

AN INFARE DINNER

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Cole

The infare of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice B. Cole was celebrated Feb. 15, 1903, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carr. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Cole, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pierson and daughters Lottie and Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reed, Mrs. M. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Redmond and daughters Sarah, Dell and Flora, Miss Lora Strawn and Mr. Emery Thacker.

All seemed to be enjoying themselves until all at once the dining room door opened and the name of Mrs. Cole was called out one, two, three times and finally the bride arising said, "I guess that means me," and then the hostess said that dinner was ready and it was nothing lacking as Mrs. Carr is noted for her culinary art. and all present done ample justice to relieve the table of its heavy burden, and the time soon passed by and the sun in the west told the rumors that they must soon part, all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Cole a long prosperous life. Mr. Cole has rented the Winters' farm and will be at home about March 1st.

A GUEST.

A Big Sale

A large crowd attended the Fred Rex sale five miles northeast of Jasper Monday. It amounted to a total of \$2,700 which was fully \$400 in excess of anticipations. Kemp of Lamar bought one big team of mules for \$455. A two-year-old Plano filly, sold for \$201.

WILL BE GRAND AFFAIR

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Will Be Of Unusual Interest To All Parties Interested In The Public Schools.

The Third Annual Session of the Jasper County Teachers Association which will be held at the new high school building in Carthage beginning tomorrow evening and continuing over Saturday promises to be the grandest affair of the kind ever held in the county.

The program is of very unusual interest. The "invitation," which occupies one page of the program folder, reads as follows:

"This program is not prepared for teachers only. Every patron of the public schools of the county is not only cordially invited but earnestly solicited to attend this meeting. The lecturers secured are among the most prominent educators of the United States.

"Supt. Harvey, as president of a normal school, as state superintendent, and as superintendent of the unique system of schools of Menomonie, where every child is required to take a thorough industrial training, has acquired a rich experience, which in addition to his broad education, renders him an instructive educational lecturer and preeminently qualifies him to discuss his chosen theme, 'Industrial Education.' Every patron of a town school should hear this lecture.

"Supt. Kern has attracted the attention of the entire country to the schools of Winnebago County, Illinois, by the improved condition he has brought about in the rural schools of his county. A farmer's education for a farmer's child is the fundamental principle upon which his great work is based.

"Every patron, of the country school who believes in improving the country school to meet the requirements of country life should hear Supt. Kern and the kindred talk by Supt. Johnson of Jackson county and Prof. Elliff of our state university.

"In addition to the many excellent features of the program, an opportunity will be given those who attend to inspect the magnificent new High school building in which the sessions will be held. This is one of the most modern and most expensive school houses in the country except a few in the large cities."

PROGRAM.

The program is as follows: Beginning at eight o'clock Friday evening, invocation and music will be followed by the announcements and appointments of committees.

Address, "Industrial Education," Prof. L. D. Harvey, superintendent school, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Saturday morning the session will be opened by music at 9:30 o'clock.

Address to teachers (subject to be selected), Supt. L. D. Harvey.

Address, "A Square Deal for the Country Boy and Girl," J. D. Elliff, professor school administration, Missouri State University.

Address, "Teachers' Preparation," State Superintendent W. T. Carrington.

Saturday afternoon will be opened at 1:30 o'clock.

Address, "Means of Increasing the Usefulness of the County Schools"—illustrated with the stereopticon—O. J. Kern, superintendent schools, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Address, "The Country School and Consolidation in Missouri," W. H. Johnson, superintendent schools, Jackson County, Missouri.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

Conducted by the W. C. T. U.

Our beloved Clara Hoffman is better in health and is planning a rousing temperance revival during April and May. The whole state of Missouri is going to be shaken up. A real house cleaning will take place. Our own state lecturers Mesdames Stokes, Mahan, Bowers, Shauer and Woods will be assisted by Mr. Floyd Star, and Miss Sawyer of Illinois, Miss Barnum of Michigan. Mrs. Bullock of New York will hold institutes in every district in the state. A decision must be made whether the saloon is right or wrong by our voting people and if they would all take the stand Prof. Sweetland spoke of Sunday morning, the W. C. T. U. would soon have nothing to do, but until that day we must carry on the peaceful war unceasingly and with the faith that our prayers will soon be answered.

MAY SWING MATTHEWS.

Buy You an Overcoat

Now is the time to get it. We will sell for the next week at the following reduced prices

25 Per Cent Off

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| \$20.00 Overcoat For | \$15.00 | 10.00 Overcoats for | 7.50 |
| 18.00 Overcoats for | 13.50 | 8.50 Overcoats for | 6.35 |
| 15.00 Overcoats for | 11.25 | 7.50 Overcoats for | 5.60 |
| 12.50 Overcoats for | 9.35 | 6.50 Overcoats for | 4.85 |
| | | 5.00 Overcoats for | 3.75 |

JOYCE & LEE

BARTON COUNTY POLITICS

Democrats Will Have a Convention May 28

This is the year for county elections in this part of the country and political rumblings are beginning to be heard. The county democratic committee of Barton county met at Lamar Saturday afternoon and decided to hold a convention on Monday, May 28th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices. The democrats have on the last two occasions chosen their candidates by a primary election but a majority of the committee preferred a convention.

New line of Boys and Men's Overalls and Jumpers at Harbur's.

A WONDERFUL MEETING

Stirring Revival Now in Progress in Jasper

A stirring revival meeting is now in progress at the Methodist church in this city which if it continues as it has within the last two nights will sweep the town and country. Last night's meeting was the climax thus far twenty one young men and young ladies, boys and girls professing conversion. A dozen or more had been converted at previous meetings which makes total thus far between thirty and forty.

Rev. Hall, of Webb City is doing the preaching and the various pastors of the city are assisting in the meeting.

Now is the time to get a good Hog Fence at cost. Let us tell you how cheap we are now selling it. Dickason-Goodman Lumber Co.

JOINT PUBLIC SALE.

A. H. Jerome And I. Y. Byers Will Sell Out.

Messrs A. H. Jerome and I. Y. Byers have advertised a joint public sale at the home of the former on what is known as the Jacob Frick farm, 7 miles southwest of Jasper. They will sell 7 head of horses, 13 head of Duroc Jersey Hogs, a lot of farming implements and many other things. The wagons and farm implements were mostly bought new last spring and consequently are as good as new.

Mr. Jerome expects to move to Washington and Mr. Byers will move to Jasper.

Lebanon News

Mr. Moore is not improving and is very poorly.

Edgar Tunnel and wife returned from Cedar county Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Weston and little son left Wednesday morning for New Mexico.

The Ladies of Lebanon who served lunch at Fred Rex's sale made about \$24.

Tom Mercer and wife spent Sunday at Charley Moore's.

Mae Sherman went back to Webb Monday.

We understand that Mr. Rathbun and family will move to the Weston farm as he has purchased it. We welcome them to this neighborhood but regret to lose Mr. Weston and family.

Don't fail to see the New Spring Goods at Harbur's.

Go to Chandler's for Fancy Dried Fruits.

American Beauty Corsets

Sold and Recommended by

J. D. Harbur.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Furnishing Goods and Fine Footwear, Jasper, Mo.